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(U) Los Olivos – Two Facing Hate Crime Charges After Stealing, Burning Pride Flag

(U) The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office is recommending hate crime charges be filed against two people who allegedly admitted to stealing several pride flags. Deputies were able to track down a video posted online of two people burning a pride flag. The two people, who have only been identified as "young adults," were contacted by deputies and allegedly admitted to stealing the flag and burning it for a video that was shared on social media. They also admitted to stealing another flag from an undisclosed location in Ballard, which is a small community adjacent to Los Olivos.

SOURCE: 2 August 2022, [KTLA5](#)

(U) San Francisco – Crypto Service Nomad Loses \$200 Million Within Hours in Hack

(U) Cryptocurrency service Nomad suffered a "chaotic" attack, with hackers draining almost \$200 million in digital funds from the company within a few hours. Nomad said it is "working around the clock to address the situation and have notified law enforcement and retained leading firms for blockchain intelligence and forensics." It added that its goal is to identify the accounts that siphoned cryptocurrencies from its service and recover the money. Nomad operates a so-called blockchain bridge, which allows people to move tokens from one blockchain to another, solving the challenge of interoperability between different types of cryptocurrencies.

SOURCE: 2 August 2022, [CBS News](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – 210 Officers Shot in Line of Duty So Far This Year, up 14% From Prior Year

(U) Washington – At least 210 law enforcement officers had been shot nationwide as of 31 July – up 14% from the same time in 2021, the National Fraternity of Police (FOP) reported. Of the 210 law enforcement officers wounded as of midnight on the last day of July, 39 were killed, the national police union reported. Meanwhile, 71 officers were shot as a result of 46 "ambush-style attacks," which claimed the lives of 18 members of law enforcement, the group found. National FOP President Patrick Yoes said the number of officers who are shot and killed in the line of duty is "outpacing last year's historic numbers."

SOURCE: 2 August 2022, [Fox News](#)

(U) District of Columbia – Man Accused of Impersonating Homeland Security Agent Pleads Guilty

(U) Washington – Arian Taherzadeh, a Washington, DC man who impersonated a Department of Homeland Security agent while prosecutors say he ingratiated himself with federal agents through gifts and rent-free apartments, pleaded guilty and agreed to cooperate with the Justice Department. The case, which put four Secret Service members on administrative leave and involved years of deception, according to court documents, as new charges and information were revealed Monday during the plea hearing. Taherzadeh, along with his co-defendant Haider Ali, were charged earlier this year with falsely impersonating federal officers and possessing illegal, large capacity ammo magazines.

SOURCE: 2 August 2022, [CNN](#)

(U) Florida – Nearly \$2M Worth of Cocaine Washes Ashore on Beach

(U) Florida Keys – The Monroe County Sheriff deputies conducted a field test of the package found on the beach and it tested positive for cocaine. "The entire package weighed 71.6 pounds," they said. A few days later, Border Patrol agents made a similar discovery after more packages washed up on a beach. Combined with the 71.6 pounds of cocaine found by the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, Border Patrol's Miami Sector Chief Patrol Agent Walter N. Slosar said that a total of 126 pounds of cocaine was recovered. "The cocaine has an estimated street value of nearly two million dollars," he added.
SOURCE: 2 August 2022, [Newsweek](#)

(U) New York – State Fines Robinhood Crypto \$30M for Failing to Comply with Banking Rules

(U) Albany – The crypto division of the online brokerage Robinhood will pay a \$30 million penalty to New York state for failing to comply with regulations governing money laundering and cybersecurity, the state's Department of Financial Services announced. The department said an examination of Robinhood Crypto's operations from 24 January 2019, through 30 September 2019, found that the company's compliance with banking regulations had not kept up with its growth. Department of Financial Services officials said Robinhood Crypto improperly certified to the state that it was in compliance with transaction-monitoring and cybersecurity regulations despite its deficiencies in those areas.
SOURCE: 2 August 2022, [AP News](#)

(U) New York – Suspect Arrested for Hate Crime in Unprovoked Box Cutter Slashing

(U) New York City – Anthony Evans, 30, was apprehended on charges including assault as a hate crime by police after being connected with a random, unprovoked attack on a woman in Times Square, authorities said. He also is accused of criminal possession of a weapon in the broad daylight after allegedly walking up behind a woman as she was walking along 42nd Street near Seventh Avenue. As she was pulling a cart and minding her own business, Evans charged at her and slashed her right hand with the weapon, according to police. The 59-year-old victim, an Asian woman, was taken to Bellevue Hospital. She is expected to recover.
SOURCE: 2 August 2022, [NBC New York](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) China – Three Killed, Six Injured in School Attack

(U) Beijing – Police in southern China are searching for a man who allegedly killed three people and injured six at a kindergarten in the country's southern province of Jiangxi. The 48-year-old suspect was identified by his surname Liu in a police statement. No further details of the Wednesday morning attack in the province's Anfu County were given in a statement. China upgraded security at schools following a spate of deadly attacks in recent years attributed largely to people bearing grudges against society.
SOURCE: 3 August 2022, [ABC News](#)

(U) Guatemala – Migrant Smugglers Wanted by the US Arrested

(U) Huehuetenango – Guatemalan authorities arrested more than a dozen alleged members of a migrant smuggling network near the shared border with Mexico, including four sought by the United States in connection with the death of a migrant in Texas in 2021. It was the Attorney General's Office backed by National Police that carried out the raids near the northern town of Huehuetenango. The group's alleged leader was arrested. Helicopters flew over the site that contained at least a dozen wooden homes and a number of vehicles. Various guns were also seized.
SOURCE: 2 August 2022, [Washington Post](#)

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(U) Somalia – Former Al-Shabab Deputy Named a Government Minister

(U) Mogadishu – A former deputy leader of the al-Shabab extremist group has been named a government minister by Somalia's new administration in what some call a chance to persuade fighters to denounce violence. Mukhtar Robow was given the post of religious affairs minister, the government of President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud said. Robow, who once had a \$5 million US bounty on his head, defected from the al-Qa'ida-linked Al-Shabab in 2017. His defection occurred shortly after the US removed the bounty from his head at the Somali government's request.

SOURCE: 2 August 2022, [AP News](#)

(U) Taiwan – Taiwanese Websites Hit with Cyberattacks

(U) Taipei – Key Taiwanese websites experienced intermittent outages due to some minor cyberattacks. The attacks hit at least four websites — those of President Tsai Ing-wen, the National Defense Ministry, the Foreign Affairs Ministry and the country's largest airport, Taiwan Taoyuan International. The website outages were the result of distributed denials of service, or DDoSes, in which hackers direct large swarms of computers to visit websites at the same time to overwhelm them with traffic and render them inaccessible. It wasn't clear where the cyberattacks came from.

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